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In re the Application of

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For: DEVICE FOR INSTANTANEOUSLY ANALYZING THE SHOT BY SHOT INJECTION DELIVERY SUPPLIED BY AN INJECTION SYSTEM USED IN A COMBUSTION ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination and after entry of the Annex to the IPER, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-7, 11 as follows:

3. (Amended) The measuring device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the means of draining the first measuring chamber (8) comprise a back-pressure regulator (34).

4. (Amended) The measuring device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the means of draining the second measuring chamber (20) comprise a back-pressure regulator (34) intended to keep the pressure in the second chamber at a reference value.

5. (Amended) The measuring device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the piston (38) is preloaded by a spring (44) urging it toward the second measuring chamber (20).

6. (Amended) The measuring device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the piston (38) moves in a smooth-walled cylinder (36) and in that it comprises an annular groove (56) open toward the wall of the cylinder (36).